

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein said configuration database includes configuration and performance data for one or more print device products.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing and installing print device fonts, the method comprising:

maintaining a web site which facilitates selection from a set of print device-ready fonts;

~~through~~ via the web site, obtaining information concerning a visitor's system configuration;

via the web site, receiving a request for a set of fonts for purchase;

via the web site, displaying potential estimated performance gains that may result from the purchase of a set of fonts other than the set of fonts requested by the visitor;

~~through~~ via the web site, permitting selection, by the visitor, from ~~a set of compatible fonts within said set of print device-ready fonts, compatibility being determined based upon said information concerning a visitor's system configuration~~ the set of fonts requested and the set of fonts other than the set of fonts requested;

~~from~~ via the web site, authorizing transfer of a the set of fonts selected ~~one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts;~~ and

~~from~~ via the web site, installing said the set of fonts selected ~~one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts~~ on a visitor's print device corresponding to the visitor; and

~~displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from the purchase of a font selected by a visitor.~~

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein said information concerning a visitor's system configuration includes one or more of an operating system

version, CPU type, CPU speed, print device driver versions, print device models, and frequently used fonts.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~said step of obtaining~~ said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a visitor's system automatically.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said software which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor system.
11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~said step of obtaining~~ said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.
12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein ~~said step of obtaining~~ said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a visitor's system automatically.
13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein said software which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor system.
14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein ~~said step of obtaining~~ said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein said step of installing comprises launching software which configures the fonts onto the visitor's print device.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing print device fonts, the method comprising:

~~guiding, through a web site, a visitor through selection of one or more fonts compatible with a system configuration of the visitor;~~

receiving information corresponding to a visitor accessing a web site, the web site providing a selection of fonts for purchase by the visitor;

receiving information, via the web site, corresponding to the visitor designating one or more of the fonts for purchase;

determining a visitor's system configuration;

displaying potential estimated performance gains, based upon the visitor's system configuration, resulting from installation of one or more fonts other than the one or more of the fonts designated a selected font based upon the visitor's system configuration;

~~offering to sell, through the web site, one or more fonts compatible with the system configuration of the visitor; and~~

receiving information corresponding to the visitor ~~for selecting~~ for purchase one or more of the fonts designated or one or more of the fonts other than the fonts designated for purchase; and

from the web site, in response to a purchase by ~~a the~~ the visitor, installing said selected one or more of the multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts on a visitor's print device of the visitor.

17. (Currently Amended) A web site for distributing print device fonts, the web site being accessible over the Internet and comprising software for:

    permitting a visitor to select fonts compatible with that visitor's system configuration;  
    displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from installation of a font not previously selected by the visitor;

    determining whether to authorize installation of a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts; and

    installing said selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts on a visitor's print device in response to an authorization determined in said step of determining.

18. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for:

    obtaining configuration information from a visitor's system; and

    comparing obtained configuration information to a database including configuration and performance data for multiple print device products; and

    determining a set of fonts compatible with the system configuration of the visitor.

19. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for requesting and processing visitor payment for a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts, wherein said step of determining whether to authorize includes determining whether payment has been requested and processed by said software for requesting and processing.

20. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for displaying graphical interfaces to guide a visitor through selecting one or multiple compatible fonts.

21. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for displaying fonts compatible with that visitor's system configuration.

22. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for displaying a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts

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25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.

28. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein, in displaying potential estimated performance gains, at least one of an estimated increase in display resolution and printer resolution is displayed.

29. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein, in displaying potential estimated performance gains, at least one of an estimated increase in display resolution and printer resolution is displayed.

30. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein, in displaying potential estimated performance gains, at least one of an estimated increase in display resolution and printer resolution is displayed.